

REMARKS

Claims 17, 18, 20-22, 24-26, and 28-31 were pending and under consideration in the above-identified application and were rejected. Claims 1-16, 19, 23 and 27 were previously cancelled and remain cancelled.

In the Office Action of April 20, 2009, claims 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24-26 and 28-31 were rejected. However, claims 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24-26 and 28-31 were found allowable over the prior art of record.

With this Amendment, claims 17, 18, 20, 21 and 25 are amended.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 17, 18 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

In response, Applicant has amended claims 17, 18 and 20 taking the Examiner's suggestions into consideration. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 112 Indefiniteness Rejection of Claims

Claims 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24-26 and 28-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In response, Applicant has amended claims 17, 21 and 25 taking the Examiner's suggestions into consideration. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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